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INVENTOR: James JANESICK

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SERIAL NO.: 09/977,444

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EXAMINER: Not yet assigned

TITLE: **IMAGER CELL WITH PINNED TRANSFER GATE**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"**

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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to Application Serial No. 09/977,444, filed on October 15, 2001. Transmitted with this request are:

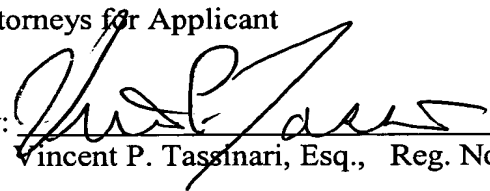
- (1) Return Receipt Postcard (1 Page);
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- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ This is a general authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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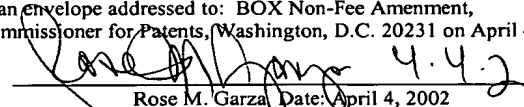
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS**

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S I R:

We received from the USPTO a December 4, 2001 Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) in the above matter. The Notice indicated that \$54.00 was missing due to 51 claims in excess of 20.

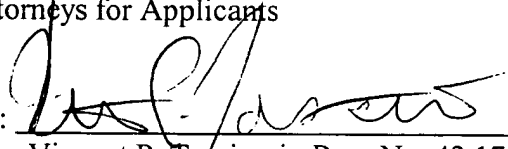
On reviewing the fee transmittal sent with the filed application, it appears that the pre-October 1, 2001 fee schedule was used to calculate the fees. Thus, \$30.00 was missing from the utility filing fee and \$24 was missing from the fees for independent claims in excess of three, giving a total of \$54.00 owed.

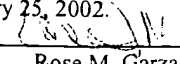
Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice and a check in the amount of \$54.00 to cover the missing amount.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Dated: January 25, 2002

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**NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

The following item(s) appear to have been **omitted** from the application:

- Figure(s) **Fig. 6,7,8** described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

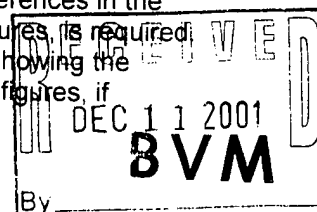
In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required.

Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if

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necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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The required items noted below **SHOULD** be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$54.
  - \$54 for 51 total claims over 20.

**The balance due by applicant is \$ 54.**

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